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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2004.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 6-13 and 18-32 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 6-13 and 18-32 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Receipt of the amendment filed January 08, 2004 amending claims 6, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and adding claims 33-45, and canceling claims 1-5, 14-17 and 29-32. Claims 6-13, 18-28 and 29-32 are now pending in the application and are presented to be examined upon based upon their merits.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-13 and 18-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6-13, 18-28 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Breen et al (US 6,615, 188) in view of Young (US 6,377,939).

Breen discloses an apparatus and a method for computerized trading over the Internet see Breen (Abstract), for implementing a trading strategy (see col. 5, lines 34+),

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carrying out trades in a various markets (see col. 5, lines 34+; col. 7, lines 5+; and col. 8, 5+); an engine for providing services (see col. 6, lines 13+);

Breen discloses, as in 6-14, 18-28 and 29-32 that Java applets communicates with the trader server to perform various trade executions (see Breen col. 7, lines 35+), but fails to disclose the various algorithm plug-in and market plug-in features used particularly to execute trading strategies. Young teaches various advantageous aspects of plug-ins related to their ability to computational and configuration (see Young, col. 10, lines 42+; col. 12, lines 35+; and col. 13, lines 60+). It would have been obvious for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the advantages of plug-ins, as taught by Young, and have been motivated to substitute/integrate the plug-ins of Young for the applets disclosed by Breen to perform various trading over the Internet, wherein the plug-ins could be configured to perform various trading strategies as well as retain market information valuable to the individual user. Thus such a modification would have been an obvious expedient well known in the art.

Moreover, the functional similarities of plug-ins and applets as they relate to adding functionality to Web Browsers are notoriously old and well known in the art. Therefore it would have been obvious for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the similarities of plug-ins and Java applets, being art recognized equivalents, and would have sought to use a plug-in software as an alternative to Java applets to provide interactive functionality to electronic trading of financial instruments within an Internet

browser. Thus to substitute the plug-ins for Java applets features disclosed in the Breen invention would provide no unexpected results to one of ordinary skill in the art.

***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S Felten whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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